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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111(C)

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated July 1, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the specification are reflected in the attached substitute specification with markings and the clean version.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 5 of this paper.